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Valuation and Appropriations.

Polls, (914)	91,400 00	
Buildings and Land,	1,005,480 00	
Factories and Machinery,	113,500 00	
Horses, (312)	19,988 00	
Oxen, (133)	6,454 00	
Cows, (327)	7,978 00	
Other neat stock, over 18 mos. old, (105)	1,856 00	
Sheep, over 6 mos. old, (167)	528 00	
Hogs, 2 and under exempt, (22)	140 00	
Carriages, (82)	6,242 00	
Stock in public funds,	16,800 00	
Stock in banks and other corporations,	82,500 00	
Money on hand, at interest and on deposit.	72,630 00	
Stock in trade.	132,640 00	
Steamboats,	4,500 00	
		$1,562,636 00

Scholars—Boys,	275	
Girls,	284	
		559

Dogs, 207

Appropriations.

Support poor,	600 00
Firemen,	1,181 73
Decorating soldiers' graves.	100 00
Library,	500 00
Current expenses,	3,000 00
" " precinct.	800 00
Highways,	3,000 00
To perfect title on land on Water street,	200,00
Mrs. Dickey,	300 00

School tax by law,	$3,451 00	
State " "	3,944 00	
County " "	6,165 47	
Town debt,	2,000 00	
Precinct,	1,250 00	
Gilford debt,	2,500 00	
School-house tax Dis. No. 3,	20 00	
		$29,012 20

State, county, town and school tax,	14 85	on thousand.
Highway,	2 00	"
Precinct,	99	"
Gilford debt,	4 20	"
School-house tax, Dis. No. 3,	23	"

Treasurer's Report.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1st, 1881.

D. S. DINSMOOR, Treasurer in account with the Town of Laconia.

RECEIPTS.

Cash in treasury, March 1 1880,		$474 69
Cash from J. G. Dow, Collector list 1879,	$140 80	
" " " int. on 1879 list,	6 92	
		$147 72
" S. C. Robinson, " list 1879.	$1,843 05	
" " " int. on 1879 list,	58 07	
		$1,901 12
" " " list 1880,		25,200 00
" John H. Robinson "		2,590 05
" Insurance tax,		20 63
" Railroad tax,		1,164 94
" Savings bank tax,		3,473 61
" Literary fund,		185 74
" Notes,		150 00
" S. S. Wiggin.		345 46
" Geo. L. Mead,		230 10
" P. C. Smith, licenses,		20 00
" " old bridge lumber sold,		25 69
" J. W. Ashman, billiard licenses,		37 50
		$ 35,967 25

EXPENDITURES.

Paid county tax, balance on 1879,	$ 800 00
" " " for 1880,	6,165 47
Precinct tax " "	1,250 00
Library " " "	500 00
State " " "	3,944 00

Paid Decorating soldiers' graves,	$100 00	
Sarah A. Dickey,	200 00	
J. C. Moulton, to perfect title on land,	200 00	

Notes and Interest Paid.

H. R. Tebbetts, interest and note in part,	$ 41 00	
Nathl. Edwards, " " "	40 00	
Rebecca R. Ames, " " "	592 49	
F. Benitez, " " "	224 31	
Eben Hoyt, " " "	1254 38	
" " " " "	311 47	
Mary W. Young, "	16 00	
T. F. Page, "	8 00	
Judith Abbott, "	23 00	
		$2,510 65
Notes and interest Dis. No. 4, formerly part of Gilford, for items see debt statement,		$3,047 66

School Orders.

Paid District No. 1,	$3,303 74	
" " 3,	274 00	
" " 4,	173 20	
" " 5,	158 80	
		$3,909 74

Breaking Roads.

	Spring 1880.	Winter 1880-81 to Feb. 18.	
District No. 1,	$29 90,	$294 72	
" " 7,		64 50	
" " 8,	6 71,	135 02	
" " 9,		59 47	
" " 10,	4 75	54 60	
" " 11,		70 40	
" " 12,		92 53	
" " 13,		40 50	
" " 14,	5 00	61 05	
" " 15,		23 85	
" " 16,		46 69	
	$46 36	$943 33	
			$989 69

Roads and Bridges.

Thomas Durrell, stone for Messer bridge, and rent of shed,		$10 00
George L. Mead, powder and fuse,		5 35
N. P. Burnham & Co., pipe for bridge,		3 68
G. Cook, lumber,		6 04
S. W. Sanders, drain pipe,		189 64
J. Edwards, stone for bridge and use of stone barge,		11 10
Barnum & Webster, painting bridge and shed,		35 00
G. Cook, lumber,		41 74
A. V. Smith, sewer grates,		10 16
G. Cook, lumber for bridges,		35 39
Wiggin & Co., paint, oil, etc. for bridges,		51 94
H. M. Fisher, bridge pins in 1874,		6 60
		$406 64
P. C. Smith, surveyor Dist. No. 1, (see his report),	$2,454 85	
J. G. Webster, surveyor Dist. No. 7,	77 40	
C. F. Sanborn, " 8,	45 75	
S. J. P. Hadley, " 9,	26 79	
H. H. Eastman, " 10,	19 20	
John H. Robinson, " 11,	48 60	
F. N. Blaisdell, " 12,	102 34	
John M. Robinson, " 13,	19 35	
John Garland, " 14,	19 98	
Chas. D. Brown, " 15,	24 36	
B. S. George, " 16,	141 43	
		$2980 05
		$3,386 69

Paid for Precinct Current Expenses.

O. L. Andrews, labor,	$ 7 60
James Judkins, "	9 30
R. W. Swain, "	2 40
Truland Bros., printing report,	20 00
J. Judkins, labor on steamer, etc.	7 40
C. S. Stanwood, cleaning hose carriage,	2 00
G. E. Chase, fixing bell,	1 25
F. H. Coffin, printing,	1 25

O. H. Daniels, labor,	$ 1 60
Boston Dyewood & Chem. Co., blue vitrol,	27 24
J. P. Pitman & Co., supplies,	35 29
A. C. Leavitt, agt., freight on wire,	56
J. Judkins, labor,	17 00
C. S. Stanwood, labor,	6 00
O. L. Andrews, "	5 00
J. Judkins, "	13 00
A. J. Hart and Son, services and expenses in 1879,	23 90
Washburn & Moen Mfg. Co., wire,	4 88
Hunniman & Co., oil,	4 00
C. Williams, Jr., wire,	6 98
H. C. Hill, services organizing Torrent Co.,	5 00
N. Johnson, Jr., record and pass book,	1 90
C. Stanwood, cleaning hose,	2 00
E. T. Callahan, lettering 4 rubber coats,	2 00
T. F. Ford, labor,	6 25
Laconia Gas Lt. Co., gas at steamer and engine house, 6 mos.,	5 50
J. Judkins, labor,	9 00
C. M. Warren & Co., painting lamp,	1 50
H. J. Crocker, fixing lamp for H. and L. Co.,	2 50
R. H. Carter, services as engineer, 1 year to January 1, 1880,	51 75
H. C. Hill, labor,	3 00
A. S. Glidden, labor,	4 00
Holder & Herrick, 6 slabs spelter,	12 68
J. Kelley, washing floors at engine house,	1 00
B. C. & M. Railroad. freight on spelter,	74
James Boyd & Sons, repairing hose,	5 75
Allen Fire Department Sup. Co., 6 pat. spanners,	2 70
Smith, Lougee Bros. & Co., rubber coats,	10 00
J. Judkins, labor on hose,	6 50
White Mt. Freezer Co., battery zincs,	17 15
G. S. Rollins, castings,	6 08
A. C. Leavitt & Son, coal,	77 40
G. E. Chase. services on fire alarm,	15 00
C. B. S. Watson, 1-2 day labor with team,	2 50
T. F. Ford, labor on H. and L. Truck,	5 60

J. Judkins, labor at engine house,	$ 14 80	
R. H. Carter, services as Supt. Fire Alarm, 10 mos. to July 1, 1880.	41 70	
H. H. Stone, stock and labor on engine house,	4 00	
C. Williams, Jr., copper wire,	1 75	
C. Stanwood, labor,	3 00	
O. L. Andrews, labor on fire alarm.	4 60	
do care fire alarm 6 mos. to Jan. 1,'81,	25 00	
J. R. Champlin, brake on hose reel,	5 80	
Boston Dyewood & Chem. Co., blue vitrol,	42 20	
F. B. Busiel, labor on steamer,	28 40	
J. Judkins, labor at engine house,	7 20	
A. J. Hart & Son, use of horses, etc.,	3 00	
I. Fonda, repairing ladder and locks,	90	
J. Judkins, labor at steamer house, etc.,	9 80	
R. H. Carter, services as engineer 1 year to Jan. 1, 1881, etc.,	55 24	
J. Gilbert, room paper and laying,	3 96	
N. P. Burnham & Co., repairing hose,	75	
S. W. Sanders, repairing stove, etc.,	2 00	
Laconia Gas Lt. Co., gas at steamer & eng. house,	10 00	
C. Stanwood, labor on hose,	7 20	
J. Judkins, labor at steamer house,	8 10	
J. P. Pittman & Co., supplies,	4 01	
		$737 56

Paid Firemen.

Hook & Ladder Co., town pay to Jan. 31, 1881,	$400 00	
do state pay to Nov. 1, '80,	60 00	
Reliance Hose Co., state pay to Nov. 1, 1880,	45 00	
do town "	300 00	
Steamer Co., " Jan. 1, 1881,	300 00	
do state pay to "	45 00	
Torrent Engine Co., " Nov. 1, 1880,	31 73	
		$1,181 73

Current Expenses.

S. W. Sanders, supplies for water tank,	$ 12 92	
A. G. Folsom, rent of hall 11 months to March 1, 1880,	55 00	
H. P. Batchelder, horse hire in 1879,	8 00	

F. W. Reeves, paid witness fees in Crosby case,	$14 95
Truland Bros., printing,	1 75
Nellie J. Crosby, cost and damage in suit,	88 40
Morrill & Silsby, stationery,	7 15
D. B. Nelson, return of births and deaths,	3 25
T. S. Foster, " " "	3 50
A. Lindsey, " " "	1 75
H. E. Mace, " " "	1 00
E. G. Wilson, " " "	5 75
H. C. Wells, " " "	1 25
N. L. True, " " "	9 00
B. Munsey, " " "	25
D. B. Nelson, vaccination, in 1879,	8 00
Morrill & Silsby, record book for town clerk,	2 25
White Mt. Freezer Co., over tax, 1879,	30 84
J. L. Meserve, blacksmith bill,	9 66
E. C. Covell and R. H. Carter, care town clock 6 months to 1st July '80,	25 00
Truland Bros., printing receipts,	1 25
Lewis & Sanborn, printing town reports, 1879, &c.,	62 85
G. Cook, lumber,	30 93
E. P. Osgood & Co., repairing cart, &c.,	6 55
J. L. Meserve, blacksmith work,	13 24
B. E. Thurston, services as referee, Wiggin, Mead and Hart case,	16 00
A. Doe, services as referee, Wiggin, Mead and Hart case,	20 00
J. G. Jewett, services as referee, Wiggin, Mead and Hart case,	16 00
Jacob Sanborn, referees' award on land damage,	36 00
H. J. Crocker, repairing tools,	9 70
E. J. Dinsmore, repairing harnesses, &c.,	6 05
S. S. Wiggin, grain for horses,	38 10
Geo. L. Mead, allowed by committee for services in Dickey case,	172 58
S. S. Wiggin, allowed by committee for services in Dickey case,	310 64
F. W. Reeves, paid for land damage, Summer St., in part,	10 00

T. S. Foster, damage to carriage,	$ 2 75
J. S. Davis, lighting street lamps, March 1, to Oct. 11, '80,	96 35
D. Gilman, hay for horses,	23 88
G. Cook, lumber for lobby, &c.,	15 37
C. H. Lamprey, ice for drinking fountain,	18 00
H. Whitcher, damage to wagon on highway,	2 00
A. V. Smith, sewer caps,	6 02
J. B. Chapman, labor on shed and lobby,	10 50
John Aldrich, over tax, in 1880,	8 07
F. A. Durrell, lighting street lamps, to Dec., 1st, ($21 75,) Dec., ($15 00) Jan., ($15 00) Feb., ($15 00,)	66 75
C. Gates, grain for horses,	41 60
A. L. Morrison, horse hire,	24 25
J. F. Sanborn, blacksmith work,	4 10
T. A. Goffe, glass for street lamps, &c.,	1 40
Mary H. Fernald, board of S. F. Noble,	3 00
D. Barnard, legal services to Dec. 21, 1880,	69 00
J. G. Webster, oats for town horses,	10 00
J. L. Meserve, blacksmith work,	15 10
E. P. Jewell, legal services to July 5, '80,	91 00
E. C. Covell and R. H. Carter, care town clock 6 months, to Jan. 1, '81,	25 00
N. Johnson, Jr., school books,	6 60
" " " stationery,	8 15
O. L. Andrews, lettering sign boards,	1 95
A. C. Leavitt, one stone lifter,	25 00
F. J. Smith & Co., blacksmith bill,	19 70
Barnum and Webster, paint and painting at stable,	2 50
N. B. Wadleigh, making sewer head pattern,	6 00
Laconia Car Co., supplies, labor, &c.,	$ 29 72
J. P. Atkinson, Jr., kerosene oil for stable,	1 10
David Blaisdell, watering trough,	3 00
John G. Jewett, justice fees, case Alex Bean,	2 00
Geo. L. Mead, powder and fuse,	12 69
S. W. Sanders, iron pipe, cement, &c.,	25 83
J. S. Howe, horse keeping and hire,	7 75
Wm H. Abel & Co., iron and labor, ice crusher,	6 91

A. V. Smith, casting for ice crusher,		$ 18 78
Lexington Mills, pumping water for stable, one year to March, 1, 1881,		10 00
L. F. Busiel, pumping water for watering trough, one year to March 1, 1881,		20 00
Laconia Gas Light Co., pipe and fittings for street lamps,		11 63
E. A. Hibbard, legal services,		5 00
H. H. Eastman, damage to sheep by dogs,		10 00
L. S. Perley, surveying,		6 00
G. H. Wilkinson & Co., lead pipe for watering trough,		21 64
S. S. Jewett, use of office for police court, eight months, to March 1, 1881,		30 00
G. Cook, lumber for barn,		11 49
J. G. Webster, board of men on road,		7 25
Laconia Gas Light Co., gas street light, March, April and May,	$ 91 31	
Laconia Gas Light Co., gas street light, June and July,	56 30	
Laconia Gas Light Co., gas street light, Aug. and Sept.,	81 56	
Laconia Gas Light Co., gas street light, Oct.,	55 80	
Laconia Gas Light Co., gas street light, Nov. and Dec.,	128 34	
Laconia Gas Light Co., gas street light, Jan.,	55 80	
Laconia Gas Light Co., gas street light, Feb.,	44 64	
		$513 55
E. P. Osgood & Co., repairing sled, &c.,		3 50
C. H. Lamprey, horse hire,		14 75
E. F. Wiggin, grain for horses,		12 15
A. C. Leavitt & Son, coal and wood for barn, lobby, &c.,		20 11
J. R. Champlin, lamps, repairing lanterns, &c.,		18 20
F. W. Reeves, cash paid out,		20 75
S. J. Lamprey, "		9 80

Relknap Savings Bank, rent of offices, one year to March 1, 1881,		$ 60 00	
A. G. Folsom, rent of hall, one year to March 1, 1881,		60 00	
Ladd & Keasor, oil chimneys, &c., for street lamps,		40 59	
Jewell & Stone, legal services, to March 1, '81,		90 00	
C. F. Stone, rent of office for police court, four months to July 1, 1880,		15 00	
F. W. Reeves, cash paid land damages, Pearl Street, in part,		4 50	
G. F. Mallard, hay for horses in 1879,		8 36	
J. P. Pitman & Co., supplies,		34 08	
P. C. Smith, cash paid out,		33 27	
			$2,843 00

Town Officers.

S. F. Noble, supervisor to March 10, 1880,		$ 17 00	
" " " " Nov. 3, 1880,		30 00	
H. F. Moulton, supervisor to March 10, 1880,		20 00	
" " " Nov. 2, 1880,		6 00	
D. B. Story, supervisor to " "		52 50	
G. H. Tilton, " Nov. 4, 1880,		30 00	
F. W. Reeves, services as selectman, in part,	50 00		
F. W. Reeves, bal. services as selectman, to Feb. 26, '81,	138 61		
		$188 61	
S. J. Lamprey, services as selectman to Feb. 26, 1881,		129 00	
P. C. Smith, services as selectman, in part,	125 00		
P. C. Smith, bal. services as selectman to Feb. 26, 1881,	35 50		
		160 50	
John W. Ashman, services as town clerk, in part,	25 00		
John W. Ashman, bal. services as town clerk, to March, 1, '81,	50 00		
		$ 75 00	
C. D. Shepard, services as policeman, at Wiers in Sept.		25 50	

J. Judkins, services as night watch, in part,	$ 25 00		
J. Judkins, services as night watch, in part.	25 00		
J. Judkins, services, as night watch, in full,	90 00		
			$140 00
J. Judkins, services as policemen, one year to March 1, 1881,		50 00	
S. D. Glidden, services as policeman, in part,	25 00		
S. D. Glidden, services as policeman, bal. to March 1, 1881,	25 00		
			$ 50 00
S. D. Glidden, services as night watch,		20 00	
Geo. E. Chase, services as health officer in part,	6 00		
Geo. E. Chase, services as health officer in full to March 1, '81,	14 00		
			$ 20 00
A. J. Farrar, services as police in 1879, &c.,		8 00	
A. W. Wilcox, " " Nov. 2, 1880,		2 00	
C. E. Frye, " " " "		2 00	
D. A. Tilton, " as auditor in 1880,		2 00	
O. W. Tibbetts, " " "		2 00	
Board of education, services as School committee 1 year to July 1, 1880,		60 00	
S. C. Robinson, services as collector, Dis. 1, for 1880,		250 00	
John H. Robinson, services as collector Dis. 3, 4 and 5,		50 00	
D. S. Dinsmoor, services as treasurer for 1880,		75 00	
Lydia E. Warner, services as superintending school committee, 1880,		25 00	
S. H. Lawrence, services as overseer poor, 1880,		53 00	
			$1,543 11

Pauper Account.

Town of Laconia in account with Samuel H. Lawrence, Overseer of the Poor, to March 1, 1881:

Cash received from County of Belknap for support of county paupers,	$328 35	
Received of town treasurer,	431 66	
" C. W. Stevens on account,	9 25	
		$769 26
D. B. Story, former overseer's account:		
Paid aid to county paupers,	99 13	
Alice Tunic,	10 00	
medical aid to C. C. Rowe,	6 00	
support and burial of Wm. Wilcomb,	10 00	
county aid to C. W. Stevens,	20 00	
	$145 13	
Cash in overseer's hands by last report,	26 12	
From County of Belknap for aid county paupers,	99 13	
	$125 25	
Balance paid D. B. Story,	19 88	
Cash paid aid to county paupers,	328 35	
support of Mary A. Severence,	130 00	
Geo. L. Mead for Bela F. Conant,	9 79	
Jan. 28, '80, J. Gilbert for Wm. Wilcomb, coffin,	10 00	
Wm. Byott board of Bean family,	3 00	
Dr N. L. True, medical aid to Mrs. Bean,	27 00	
Mrs. Elizabeth Rowe,	12 68	
Adams Bros. for Mrs. Tingru,	2 00	
J. W. Sanborn, for C. W. Stevens,	5 00	
aid to C. W. Stevens,	39 55	
P. C. Smith for Bean family,	51 42	
sending Bean family to Canada,	25 00	
N. H. Asylum, for Mrs. Bean,	60 94	
aid to Bean family,	44 65	
		$769 26
Appropriation,	$600 00	
Expenditure,	431 66	

SAMUEL H. LAWRENCE, Overseer of Poor.

RECAPITULATION.

Total receipts,		$35,967 25

DISBURSEMENTS.

State tax,	$3,944 00	
County tax, balance on 1879,	800 00	
" 1880,	6,165 47	
Library 1880,	500 00	
Precinct,	1,250 00	
Decorating soldiers' graves,	100 00	
Pauper bill,	431 66	
Notes and interest,	2,510 65	
" Dist. No. 4, Gilford.	3,047 66	
School orders,	3,909 74	
Breaking roads,	989 90	
Highways and bridges.	3,386 69	
Current expenses,	2,843 00	
" precinct,	737 56	
Firemen, "	1,181 73	
Town officers,	1,543 11	
Sarah A. Dickey,	200 00	
To perfect title on land,	200 00	
Balance in treasury,	2,226 29	
		$35,967 25

D. S. Dinsmoor, Treasurer.

Financial Condition of the Town March 1, 1881.

Liabilities.

Due Mrs. E. M. Avery, land damage,			$200 00	
George Sleeper, "			230 00	
Mrs. Daniel Glidden, "			5 00	
on notes at 4 per ct., exempt from taxation,			9,271 42	
interest to March 1, '81,			499 32	
				$10,205 74
No. 27, Mary W. Young, July 1,	1879,	100 00	2 67	
28, Harriet R. Tebbetts, " 5,	"	375 00	9 83	
29, Rhoda Smith, " 1,	"	315 00	21 33	
30, Clarinda S. Clark, " 11,	"	1,628 00	107 80	
31, Sarah J. Sheppard, " 11,	"	850 00	56 38	
32, Nathaniel Edwards, " 11,	"	1,000 00	25 33	

No. 33, Judith Abbott,	July 11,	1879,	$575 00	14 56
34, S. C. Robinson,	" 11,	"	579 80	38 45
35, Martha A. Smith.	" 11,	"	166 12	11 00
36, Harriet Gale,	" 11,	"	400 00	26 53
38, Rhoda Smith.	" 15,	"	450 00	29 64
39, Jona. G. Dow,	" 15.	"	385 50	25 38
40, Ira Laighton,	" 19,	"	200 00	13 04
41, T. F. Page,	" 23.	"	100 00	2 40
42, Clara E. Ames,	Aug. 6,	"	390 00	24 71
44, Eliza A. Ames,	" 6,	"	432 00	27 38
45, John Smith,	" 29,	"	500 00	30 40
46, Wm. F. Clifford,	Sept. 5,	"	325 00	19 52
47, Mary W. Young,	" 8,	"	300 00	5 70
48, T. F. Page,	" 15,	"	100 00	1 82
51, Ella A. Morrison,	Oct. 22,	"	100 00	5 45

Assets.

S. C. Robinson's tax list 1880,		$27,696 45	
Interest collected,		56 83	
		$27,753 28	
Less 5 per cent. discount on taxes paid July 1, 1880,	$ 718 98		
2 per cent dis., Sept. 1, 1880,	19 95		
Abatements,	202 74		
Paid treasurer	25,200 00	$26,141 67	
			$1,611 61
John H. Robinson, tax list, 1880,		$2,788 03	
Interest collected,		2 84	
		$2,790 87	
Less 5 per cent discount on taxes paid July 1, 1880,	$ 87 52		
2 per cent. dis., Sep. 1, 1880,	1 34		
Abatements,	37 53		
Paid treasurer,	2,590 05	$2,716 44	
			$74 43

Schedule of all discounts on file.

Due from A. Thompson, as per last report,		$ 54 59
57 shares B. C. &. M. Railroad stock,		570 00
Pauper bill unsettled as per last report,		324 00
Stable and shed on Water St.,		375 00
One pair horses,		500 00
Cart, Harnesses, Blankets, &c.,		180 00
Stone lifter,		25 00
Land on Water St.,		800 00
Due from S. T. Thomas, labor on canal,		47 00
" " Dis. No. 4, formerly part of Gilford,		403 17
Cash in hands of Treasurer,		2226 29
		$7,101 09
Liabilities March 1, 1881,		$3,104 65
		$10,205 74
Liabilities March 1, 1880,	$8,449 72	
Decreased in 1880,	5,345 07	
	$3,104 65	

Financial condition of district No. 4—formerly part of Gilford.

Due town of Laconia, viz.		$403 17
July 12, 1880, Paid E. G. Folsom int. on note,	$ 16 00	
" 13, " Polly Taylor, "	24 00	
Sept. 27, " M. E. Sanborn, "	28 00	
" 30, " J. Towle, note and interest,	417 29	
" " B. G. Folsom, "	1,049 36	
Oct. 2, " J. M. & H. G. Burleigh, int. and part note,	549 36	
Dec. 31, 1880, paid E. G. Folsom, note and int.	407 55	
Jan. 11, 1881, " F. Benitez, "	556 10	
Average paid Oct. 30, 1880,	$3,047 66	

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Oct. 30, 1880, amount raised in 1880,	2,500 00	
Nov. 8, cash from notes,	150 00	2,650 00
		397 66
Add interest to March 1, 1881,		5 51

Notes Outstanding.

No. 1, J. M. & H. K. Burleigh, July 11, 1879,	$500 00	8 29	
" 2, Polly Taylor, July 11, 1879,	600 00	15 20	
" 5, Abbie M. Smith, " 15, "	150 00	9 85	
" 6, M. Emma Sanborn, July 25, '79,	700 00	16 64	
" 7, Horace Whitcher, Aug. 2, "	100 00	6 38	
" 8, " Sept. 1, "	300 00	18 24	
" 10, " Oct. 3, "	200 00	11 39	
" 12, Mary E. Maloon, Nov. 8, "	50 00	63	
" 13, " "	100 00	1 27	
	$2,700 00	$87 89	$2,787 89

Liabilities March 1, 1881,		$3,191 06
Liabilities, March 1, 1880,	5,503 26	
Decrease in 1880,	2,312 20	

F. W. Reeves,
S. J. Lamprey,
P. C. Smith,
} Selectmen of Laconia.

Laconia, March 1, 1881.

We have examined the foregoing accounts and find them proper-vouched and correctly cast.

Frank Edgerly,
Elbert Wheeler,
} Auditors.

Public Library.

To the Selectmen of the Town of Laconia:

The Trustees of the Public Library hereby present their third annual report. During the year 220 volumes have been added to the Library, 38 have been donated, and 182 have been purchased. The Library now contains 2428 volumes, classified as follows:

Juvenile,	350	volumes.
Fiction,	834	"
History,	171	"
Travels and Descriptive,	129	"
Biography,	108	"
Miscellaneous and Complete Works,	234	"
Educational and Scientific,	123	"
Poetry and the Drama,	52	"
Religious,	104	"
Reference,	52	"
Public Documents,	271	"

Whole number cards issued,	1569
Greatest number books taken out any day,	364
Average number taken each day,	188
Greatest number out at any time,	695
Average number out,	472

Of these the average taken each day has been as follows:

Juvenile,	32
Fiction,	114
Historical and Biographical,	18
Miscellaneous and Complete,	14
Educational and Scientific,	11

It will be seen by the Treasurer's Report, appended, that nearly $50 of the annual expenditure has been for rebinding books, notwithstanding all of the books have been in use only about two years, and very many of those rebound, less than one year, — and from present indications this annual expense will be largely in-

creased in the near future. The committee would once more earnestly suggest careful usage of books on the part of readers. As an experiment, it was decided not to cover the books added to the Library the past year, it being the opinion of some of the best librarians in the country that the additional cover only tends to hasten the destruction of the books, and that the books when covered were as a rule, subjected to harsher treatment, by careless readers, than when left in their original covers. Many of our public libraries have adopted this method.

E. P. Jewell,
D. S. Dinsmoor,
John T. Busiel,
James H. Tilton,
Chas. F. Pitman,
W. S. Thomas,
} Trustees.

Laconia Public Library, in Account with D. S. Dinsmoor, Treasurer.

1880.	CREDIT.		
March 1,	By Balance,	$ 85 19	
May 13,	Cash from town,	50 00	
Oct. 16,	" " "	100 00	
Dec. 30,	" " "	350 00	
1881.			
Feb. 28,	Cash from fines,	58 19	
"	" sale of catalogues,	4 60	
			$647 98

DEBIT.	
To paid S. W. Sanders, zinc, &c.,	$ 50
E. B. Beaman, building,	46 70
G. Cook, lumber, &c., settees,	11 36
T. J. Merrill, labor,	8 60
O. C. Wilkinson, labor,	3 40
D. L. Guernsey, books,	8 50
Truland Bros., printing,	13 50
A. G. Folsom, rent,	75 00
J. R. Champlin, pipe and fitting,	10 23
A. C. Leavitt, for wood,	6 50
N. Johnson, Jr., books,	29 20
Estes & Lauriat, books,	169 64
W. L. Melcher, & Co., Insurance,	10 00

To paid A. G. Folsom, rent,	$ 13 80	
J. N. McClintock, books,	2 00	
C. F. Pitman, expense in Boston,	7 50	
F. W. Reeves, services,	2 40	
B., C. & M. R. R., freight,	82	
C. Woodburn, wood, &c.,	4 25	
Gas Co., gas,	9 00	
Truland Bros., printing,	14 75	
J. W. Ashman, services as librarian,	125 00	
Sundry small items,	2 67	
By cash to balance,	72 66	
		$647 98

D. S. Dinsmoor, Treasurer.

Laconia, N. H., Feb. 28, 1881.

We have carefully examined the above account and find the same correctly cast and properly vouched.

Frank Edgerly, }
Elbert Wheeler, } Auditors.

ANNUAL STATEMENT

— OF THE —

Receipts & Expenditures of Highway Dist. No. 1,

FROM FEB. 16, 1880, to FEB. 18, 1881.

Amt. of highway tax assessed,	$2,780 24	
Recd. from Town treasurer,		$2,454 85
Mrs. Lovell, for manure,		7 50
O. L. Sanborn, for manure,		6 00
L. F. Busiel, for concrete,		35 00
Recd. from W. C. Marshall, for tar,		2 00
J. Gilbert, for drawing stone,		70 00
W. C. Marshall & Co., for labor on ditch,		11 05
W. W. Hobbs, for labor with team,		15 00
R. Gove, for street waste,		50 00
S. T. Thomas, for labor on canal,		28 25
		$2,679 65

Paid out as per Vouchers.

S. C. Robinson, for hay,	$ 8 38
Andrew D. White, for hay,	13 20
John H. Cochran, "	11 83
Eugene O'Shea, for grading in 1878,	3 84
T. W. Stevens, " " 1881,	1 70
C. E. Frye, " " "	1 40
John Edwards, " " "	16 50
D. L. Parshley, for pruning shears,	5 00
F. M. Boardman, for stone roller,	15 00
J. H. Rowell, for tar in 1879,	3 50
C. E. Pickering, for straw,	3 00
Lyman Gilman, for cover stone,	3 00
E. H. & A. T. Smith, for tar,	18 00

Blaisdell & Ewell, for board of L. M. Pike,	$ 12 60
O. L. Sanborn, for harrow,	7 00
James H. Tilton, for discounts in 1879,	17 40
C. L. Prescott, " " "	3 70
Paid discounts on tax list of 1879,	28 79
" " " " 1880,	313 08
Aaron Connor, for labor,	503 00
Alf. Merchant, "	9 12
Ezra Jewett, "	2 25
J. Merchant, "	16 24
J. Brake, "	2 50
J. Fortier, "	24 12
James Judkins, "	26 25
Stephen Volier, "	22 25
C. B. S. Watson, "	100 00
Geo. E. Caverley, "	168 74
C. D. Tyrrell, "	16 25
Norman Robbins, "	59 12
Alvah Jessman, "	11 25
Paid Frenchman, "	2 50
W. W. Hobbs, "	36 25
A. A. Hobbs, "	9 00
S. L. Neal, "	9 37
C. H. Horn, "	8 00
L. W. Boynton, "	24 75
Paid Frenchman, "	2 50
E. G. Jewett, "	22 87
J. Tetroe, "	70 86
Lyman Dippy, "	78 85
S. H. Lawrence, "	1 50
Calvin Vittum, "	2 70
Miles Rahill, "	24 99
James Ruddy, "	8 75
Nicholas Murphy, "	1 50
C. F. Jewett, "	57 77
Samuel S. Jewett, "	36 00
D. L. Chapman, "	12 25
Henry Glover, "	14 75
Charles Winn, "	5 62
Phillip Trainer, "	3 40

Frank Sanborn, for labor,	$ 3 75
Moses Connor, "	15 75
T. Forde, "	1 00
Paid Frenchman, "	40
Lewis LaPlant, "	5 00
Geo. LaBranch, "	2 50
A. Marcey, "	3 75
Alf. LaBranch, "	2 50
Andrew Crossin, "	12 50
Alexander Campbell, for labor,	19 99
Paul Malholt, "	8 75
Patrick Carroll, "	4 99
Paid Frenchman, "	90
Perrie Hammel, "	5 62
Charles Merrill, "	1 00
John Sanborn, "	21 25
Moses Decato, "	1 87
Marshall La Plant, "	11 87
Thomas Gay, "	10 62
Fred Breso, "	8 62
Joseph Shabbott, "	11 25
Naham Parshley, "	4 12
L. M. Pike, for labor and tar,	66 35
James Smith, for labor,	1 87
Joe Rogers, "	1 87
Freight bills to B., C. and M. RR.,	18 34
F.W. Reeves, agent, for tar,	3 00
J. S. Towle, for labor,	6 00
Thos. Gay, Jr., "	5 62
J. S. Chase, "	3 00
L. M. Folsom, "	2 50
N. C. Mitchell, "	2 50
E. B. Harrington, "	23 75
S. M. Doe, "	7 75
Jennie Carlton, " by A. Cressin,	10 00
W. L. Swain, "	15 00
Richard Hill, "	5 25
F. D. Sargent, "	6 75
E. A. Rowe, "	2 10
Nelson Richardson, "	20 10

J. C. Dame, for labor,		$ 1 87
James Stone, "		1 50
W. H. Jewett, "		7 50
A. J. Hart & Son, "		9 00
C. H. Lamprey, "		22 00
Laconia Car Co., "		6 00
A. J. Farrar, "		3 15
J. H. Price, "		3 00
J. F. Smith, "		1 50
John Nichols, for labor and grade,		12 00
P. C. Smith, for labor,		334 00
Patrick Sculley, "		1 50
David Edwards, "		12 75
Jacob Jewell, "		45
Richard Gove, "		21 49
		$2,679 65

Breaking Roads.

Received from Town Treasurer,	$324 62	
Paid out as per vouchers from Feb. 16 to April 1st, 1880:		
Paid Aaron Connor,	10 00	
T. J. Merrill,	4 50	
C. B. S. Watson,	3 00	
P. C. Smith,	9 40	
John Edwards,	3 00	
		$ 29 90
From Dec. 1, 1880, to Feb. 18, 1881:		
Paid Aaron Connor,	92 00	
F. D. Sargent,	12 90	
A. Campbell,	9 62	
N. Wiser,	1 10	
J. H. Pickering,	75	
A. J. Hart & Son,	2 25	
John Nichols,	8 00	
C. L. Moore,	3 15	
J. C. Ladd,	7 50	
Lewis S. Perley,	17 50	
David Edwards,	20 25	
E. B. Harrington,	5 00	
John W. George,	2 25	

Paid J. F. H. Watson,	$ 75	
J. S. Chase,	1 50	
C. B. S. Watson,	37 00	
P. C. Smith,	73 20	294 72
		$324 62

This is to certify that we have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

FRANK EDGERLY, } Auditors.
ELBERT WHEELER, }

Out of the money drawn from the town treasury on account of highway district No. 1, the following bills have been paid, which are not usually paid for out of the highway money:

Building Summer street,	494 11	
Water trough at Durkee Brook,	44 24	
Labor on canal,	47 00	
Straightening road in Dist. No. 10,	54 87	
Concrete roller and pruning shears,	20 00	
Discounts paid on tax list, 1879,	28 79	
" 1880,	313 08	
Stock ready for future use:		
170 loads stone, grade, etc.,	127 50	
75 feet covering stone,	20 00	
6 sewer caps,	5 00	
		1,154 59
Expended for ordinary repairs:		1,300 26

There is not far from twenty miles of carriage road-way, and about the same of side-walk in the district.

Average cost of breaking carriage road-way per mile for the past year, $6 47,	129 85
Average cost of breaking side-walk, per mile, for the past year, $9 74,	194 77
	324 62

P. C. SMITH, Surveyor.

List of tools owned by highway district No. 1:

1 two-horse sled,	1 pair pruning shears,
1 iron roller,	2 grub hoes,
4 snow scrapers,	3 picks,
1 harrow,	1 plow,
1 stone drag,	1 steel bar,
3 chains,	2 stone hammers,
11 steel shovels,	2 dirt scrapers,
1 steel rake,	1 wheelbarrow,
1 ice crusher,	1 concrete roller,
3 gravel screens.	

Report of School Committee.

To the town of Laconia:

I herewith submit the report of the schools in district No. 1, for the year ending March 1, 1881, as made by the Board of Education:

To the School Committee of the town of Laconia:

The Board of Education for School District No. 1 herewith submit their sixth annual report:

The number of schools, and course of study in each, have been the same this year as last, with the exception, the past two terms, of classes in Latin, French, and English literature, in the High School, under the instruction of Miss Mary E. Rowe. The schools for the year past, and especially for the last two terms, in point of excellence, have been fully up to the standard of preceding years. There is need, however, of further improvement in promptness and regularity of attendance. Nothing is so detrimental to the progress of a school, as absence from recitation; it discourages the pupil absent, and is a drawback and hindrance to the rest of the class. The cooperation of parents and guardians is most earnestly solicited to supplement the efforts of teachers in every attempt to remedy this great evil of our school system.

There were several changes of teachers at the commencement of last fall term. In the High School, Miss Josephine A. Robinson took the place of Mr. Bowker; in the North Grammar Miss Julia M. Robinson succeeded Miss Hersey, and Miss Philbrook followed Miss Doe in the North Intermediate; in the South Grammar Miss Bennett took the place of Miss Ayles, and Miss Freese the place of Miss Chapman, in the South Intermediate.

The new teachers have all proved themselves fully up to the average of instructors, in their several departments. Some of the methods of instruction pursued by the teacher in the North Grammar School, are worthy of commendation, and the school in many respects was successful, and would have been a complete success, had it not been for the rude and insubordinate conduct of some of

the larger boys. Miss Bennett thought best not to return after the close of the fall term, and Mr. Walter S. Peaslee was engaged in her place. Mr. Peaslee brings to his aid quite a large and successful experience as teacher, and succeeded, the past term, in bringing a tolerable degree of order out of partial confusion. The Intermediate schools have been so far successful, as to maintain their good reputation earned in former terms, of being fully up to the average in deportment and recitation. The Primary teachers are the same as last year. Some of the most satisfactory work in our schools may be seen in the lower rooms.

In no department is the art of teaching more critically tested, than in the instruction of small children. To suppose that any one can teach a primary school is a mistake: in some respects it demands the highest order of talent. Difference in scholarship results more frequently from methods of instruction, than from any difference in the mental capacity of the pupils.

The last annual examination of the Grammar schools, was not entirely satisfactory. Those proposing to enter the High School, had not thoroughly mastered the common English branches; they lacked comprehension and did not know how to think and work independently. This was not wholly the fault of the pupils, but was attributable in part to want of method and thoroughness on the part of the teachers. The last examination was not wholly exceptional to those of preceding years. It is not unfrequent that a scholar has a creditable verbal knowledge of the text-books, and at the same time is sadly deficient in comprehension of principles. It is the duty of teachers to so instruct as to remedy this defect, but in this, more than in any other particular, they are inclined to shirk, unless constantly watched. Teachers, like other employes, will bear watching, and the more carefully they are looked after, the more faithful they will be in the discharge of duty.

As was suggested in the report of last year, it is impossible for the Board of Education to give that personal time and attention to the supervision of the schools, necessary to obtain the most satisfactory results. Consequently it was thought best at the commencement of the fall term to employ a principal, to have supervision of all the schools, visit them all daily, or as often as necessary, and see that proper methods of instruction are pursued, and the entire work of the school-room in all its details is properly and thoroughly done.

Accordingly Miss Mary E. Rowe was engaged for the position for the present year, at a salary of $15 per week. Miss Rowe is a ripe scholar, and has had large experience in teaching. and thus far under her management, the schools appear to be making more efficient progress than before. Besides having supervision of the schools, arranging examinations, etc., Miss Rowe, as before stated instructs classes in Latin, French and English literature in the High School. She also has occasionally taught in the other schools during the temporary absence of the regular teachers.

The plan of placing all the schools under the charge of one person, as principal, has been adopted in some towns in Massachusetts where the schools are the best, with most satisfactory results. We feel quite confident judging from the past two terms, that the plan which at first was experimental with us, will prove a success, in elevating the standard of scholarship, and securing better and more efficient work on the part of both teacher and pupil.

The whole number of different scholars attending school in the public schools of the district two weeks or more during the year was 427, of whom 213 were boys and 214 girls. Of those reported 9 boys and 5 girls were over 15 and all the others between 5 and 15 years of age. . The whole number of children in the district between 5 and 15 years old, as enumerated by the selectmen last April, was 509, of whom 254 were boys and and 255 girls. The number of children between 5 and 15 years of age, not attending school during the year, in a district containing more thon 500 such children on the first of April and many others in the course of the year, cannot be accurately reported without an amount of labor greatly disproportioned to the importance of the information when obtained. But the number within those ages not attending any public school, as near as we have been able to ascertain it, may be stated at 150, of whom 76 are boys and 74 girls. Of this number it is estimated that about 100 children within these ages (55 boys and 45 girls) have attended St. John's Parochial School during the year, while others who have attended the public schools two weeks or more have also attended the parochial school a portion of the time. If the foregoing estimates are correct, there have been 50 children (21 boys and 29 girls) within the ages prescribed who have not attended any school duri ng the year.

There have been during the year in the High School, a grammar

school class, in the South Grammar an intermediate class, and in the South Intermediate a primary class. The crowded condition of some of the schools on the south side of the river has rendered it impossible to grade them according to the course of study without the transfer of classes. An additional primary school would obviate this difficulty and will ere long be demanded.

A statistical table is annexed. School committees are required by law to report to their respective towns the number of pupils attending to each study in the several schools. Until a recent period the school register provided for teachers contained appropriate blanks for this purpose, and it was largely from this source that the desired information was formerly obtained. But in the elaborate and complicated registers now in use, which teachers who have not graduated at a commercial college often find it difficult to understand, the blanks referred to have been omitted; the space once devoted to obtaining the number attending to reading, spelling, penmanship, arithmetic, geography, grammar, composition and history is given up to subjects of minor importance, respecting which school committees are not required by law to report to the town at all. For this reason a portion of the statistics given have been obtained under difficulties and we cannot vouch for their perfect accuracy. Our school year began with the fall term; the statistical table, therefore, embraces as heretofore, the third term of the last, and the first and second terms of the present year.

E. A. Hibbard,
W. L. Melcher,
Charles F. Stone,
Geo. L. Mead,
Noah L. True,
John G. Jewett,
} Board of Education.

Laconia, March 1, 1881.

I also submit the following report as required by law: Our schools outside of the village district will compare very favorably with previous years in prosperity. Good progress has been made by certain classes in each school, while want of punctuality has hindered others. This is one great fault in our schools, and needs the cooperation of parents to correct it.

In districts Nos. 4 and 5 the same teachers have been employed through the year, while in district No. 3 a different teacher for each term has been employed.

The whole number of children between the ages of 5 and 15 years in the town, as enumerated by the selectmen, April 1, 1880, was 559, of whom 275 were boys, and 284 girls.

A statistical table furnishing the information required by law is annexed.

Lydia E. Warner, School Committee.

Laconia, March 1, 1881.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

GRADED SCHOOLS. — DISTRICT NO. 1.

Term.	Grade of School.	Name of Teacher.	Wages per month.	Length of school in weeks.	Whole number of pupils.	Average attendance.	No. of Pupils attending to the following studies. Reading.	Spelling.	Penmanship.	Arithmetic.	Geography.	Grammar.	History.	Composition.	Drawing.	Vocal Music.	Higher Branches.*
Spring	High,	H. D. Bowker, A. B.,	$60	12	23	20	9	23	..	9	..	9	9	23	..	..	14
	South Grammar,	Elizabeth Ayles,	40	11	37	32	37	37	37	37	21	37	16	37	..	..	..
	North Grammar,	Ella M. Hersey,	40	..	34	33	34	34	34	34	17	34	25	34	..	..	..
	So. Intermediate,	Ella M. Chapman,	36	..	57	55	57	57	57	57	37	..	..	..	57	57	..
	No. Intermediate,	Eliza A. Doe,	36	..	33	32	33	33	33	33	33	..	..	..	..	..	..
	South Primary,	M. Josephine Maxfield,	36	10	54	47	54	54	..	..	..	..	..	..	50	54	..
	No. 1st Primary,	Hattie F. Greeley,	36	..	50	42	50	50	50	50	50	..	..	..	..	..	..
	No 2d Primary,	Sarah D. Knowlton,	36	..	48	44	48	48	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	48	..
Fall	High,	Mary Ella Rowe,	$60														
		Josephine A. Robinson,	40	12	44	40	9	37	9	9	..	9	9	37	..	..	35
	South Grammar,	Olive M. Bennett,	40	11	47	41	47	47	47	47	29	47	19	19	..	..	..
	North Grammar,	Julia M. Robinson,	40	..	29	26	29	29	29	29	..	29	29	29	..	..	..
	So. Intermediate,	Alice Estelle Freese,	36	..	51	46	51	51	51	51	37	..	..	..	51	51	..
	No. Intermediate,	Hattie H. Philbrick,	36	..	51	47	51	51	51	51	51	17	..	..	12	..	..
	South Primary,	M. Josephine Maxfield,	36	10	53	47	53	53	..	18	..	..	..	..	..	53	..
	No. 1st Primary,	Hattie F. Greeley,	36	..	44	38	44	44	44	44	44	..	..	..	44	..	..
	No. 2d Primary,	Sarah D. Knowlton,	36	..	45	38	45	45	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	45	..
Winter	High,	Mary Ella Rowe,	$60														
		Josephine A. Robinson,	40	12	43	39	9	36	32	31	..	9	9	36	..	..	34
	South Grammar,	Walter S. Peaslee,	40	11	44	38	44	44	44	44	26	44	21	21	..	..	..
	North Grammar,	Julia M. Robinson,	40	..	26	23	26	26	26	26	..	26	26	26	26	..	..
	So. Intermediate,	Alice Estelle Freese,	36	..	48	42	48	48	48	48	48	..	..	..	48	48	..
	No. Intermediate,	Hattie H. Philbrick,	36	..	53	48	53	53	53	53	53	..	..	..	..	..	..
	South Primary,	M. Josephine Maxfield,	36	10	54	39	54	54	..	18	..	..	..	..	..	54	..
	No. 1st Primary,	Hattie F. Greeley,	36	..	47	37	47	47	47	47	47	..	..	..	47	..	..
	No. 2nd Primary,	Sarah D. Knowlton,	36	..	39	34	39	39	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	39	..

UNGRADED SCHOOLS.

Dist.	Term.	Name of Teacher.												
3	Summer,	Emma Thompson,	26	10	22	17	22	22	13	13	8	4	..	..
	Fall,	Jennie Edgerly,	30	10	20	17	20	20	15	13	13	4	..	..
	Winter,	Susie E. Noyes,	30	11	15	7	15	15	13	14	13	7	4	1
4	Summer,	Mary E. Bennett,	30	10	16	12	15	15	5	11	12	6	..	..
	Fall,	Mary E. Bennett,	30	11	19	14	18	18	7	14	7	13	..	1
5	Summer,	Susie A. Gerrish,	24	9	15	13	15	15	9	10	8	..	4	..
	Fall,	Susie A. Gerrish,	28	15	19	11	19	19	13	13	12	5	5	..

* In the High School, at different terms, those studying the higher branches were as follows: Latin, 8; French, 10; English Literature, Rhetoric, Geometry, Philosophy and General History, 5 each; Botany, Geology, Astronomy and Civil Government, 9 each; Algebra, Book Keeping, Physiology and Physical Geography, 22 each.

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